

# Legal Instruction and Resources at the Law Library of Congress: Recent Developments





#### Introduction

## **Law Library of Congress**

Established by Congress in 1832. The world's largest law library with over 2.65 million volumes of primary and secondary sources from nearly every jurisdiction in the world.



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## Law Library of Congress Legal Research Institute



## **Educational Programs Background**

- For many years, the Law Library of Congress focused on offering long, in-person public classes
- Recently, though, we have been focused on updating our educational offerings in three areas:
  - Online vs. In-Person
  - Duration of Classes
  - Expanding Class Topics



#### Orientation to Legal Research & Congress.gov



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Congress.gov, the successor to THOMAS.gov, was launched Sept. 19, 2012. This orientation is designed to give a basic overview of the beta site. While the focus of the session will be searching legislation and the Congressional member information attached to the legislation, the new features of Congress.gov will be highlighted. To register, sign up in person in the Law Library Reading Room (LM242), call (202) 707-0875, or complete the Seminar Form.

Please complete the <u>Seminar Form</u> to register for one of the Congress.gov sessions. Please provide your name, contact information, and the class you wish to attend from the drop down menu. If you choose to attend the Webinar, you must submit an email address for confirmation and instructions for joining the Web conference.

Orientation to Legal Research and the Use of Law Library Collections is designed to give a basic introduction to legal sources and research techniques. This class provides an overview of statutes, regulations, and court cases and the relationships among them. The Law Library's resources for locating these items in print and automated formats are presented. These orientations, taught by reference librarians, are taught bimonthly. To register, call (202) 707-3812 or complete the online registration form. Prior to attending a class, you need to obtain a <u>Library of Congress Registration Card</u>.

Please complete the <u>Seminar Form</u> to register for *Orientation Legal Research and the Use of Law Library Collections*. Please provide your name, contact information, and the class you wish to attend from the drop down menu.



## Overview of Law Library Educational Programs - 2020



#### In-Person

- Orientation to Legal Research Series
- Orientation to Law Library Collections
- Saturday Collections Orientation

#### Online

- Orientation to Legal Research Webinar Series
- Orientation to Law Library Collections
   Webinar Series
- Foreign and Comparative Law Webinar Series
- Congress.gov Webinars



## Legal Research Institute

#### https://www.loc.gov/law/learning/index.php

- We, then, wanted to have our web presence reflect the changes we made to our instructional opportunities to make them more helpful and appealing
- Important features:
  - Clearly define in-person and online offerings
  - Highlight U.S. vs. Foreign, Comparative, and International Law offerings
  - Offer a jumping-off point for further research
  - Provide recordings of more evergreen presentations





## Legal Research Institute Homepage



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- The homepage is divided into four sections:
  - U.S. Law Webinars;
  - Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Webinars;
  - Onsite Classes; and
  - Online Resources

## **U.S. Law Webinars Page**



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#### **US Law Webinars**

Orientation to Legal Research Webinar Series

The Orientation to Legal Research Series of webinars reflect the content in the in-person series of classes, and are designed to give a basic introduction to legal sources and research techniques. These orientations, taught by legal reference librarians, are typically offered once a month on a rotating basis, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. For further questions, please use our <u>Ask a Librarian</u> service.

Classes offered will rotate through the following topics:

- U.S. Case Law This entry in the series provides an overview of U.S. case law research, including information
  about the U.S. federal court system, the publication of court opinions, methods for researching case law, and
  information about locating records and briefs.
- U.S. Federal Statutes This entry in the series provides an overview of U.S. statutory and legislative research, including information about how to find and use the U.S. Code, the U.S. Statutes at Large, and U.S. federal bills and resolutions.
- Tracing Federal Regulations This entry in the series provides an overview of U.S. federal regulations, including
  information about the notice and comment rulemaking process, the publication and citation of regulations, and the
  tracing of regulations from the Code of Federal Regulations, to the proposed rule in the Federal Register, to the
  regulation's docket.

#### Upcoming Classes:

- . Tracing Federal Regulations: October 15, 2020
- U.S. Case Law: November 12, 2020
- . U.S. Federal Statutes: December 10, 2020

#### Orientation to Law Library Collections

This page includes:

- Summaries of each offering;
- A list of dates for each class; and
- Links to the Eventbrite registration pages for each class
- Any special events that center around U.S. law will be added here

## Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Webinars

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- Set up similarly to the U.S. Law Webinars page
- Focuses on online presentations given by our foreign law experts

#### Foreign and Comparative Law Webinar Series

The Foreign and Comparative Law Webinar Series of classes is designed to shed light on some of the foreign, comparative, and international law issues researched by the foreign law experts at the Law Library of Congress.

#### Worlds Apart: Legal Responses to COVID-19 in New Zealand and Sweden

Kelly Buchanan and Elin Hofverberg, Foreign Law Specialists Thursday, September 24, 2020, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

In this entry in the series, foreign law specialists Kelly Buchanan and Elin Hofverberg will examine the different responses to the COVID-19 pandemic by the governments of New Zealand and Sweden. The discussion will include comparisons of the overarching policies and approaches, relevant laws, and how the governments communicated with the public about the pandemic and the approaches taken.

#### World Trends in Elections and Campaign Financing Regulation

Ruth Levush, Senior Foreign Law Specialist Thursday, October 22, 2020, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Global legal developments in election and campaign finance laws before and during the pandemic. Topics that will be covered are: structural changes to governmental and electoral systems; voting access; eligibility for office; gender representation; campaign advertising; campaign finance; election monitoring; penalties for election related violations; and election scheduling.

# Worlds Apart: Legal Responses to COVID-19 in New Zealand and Sweden Thursday September 24, 2020 2-3 PM Jein Toright Law Specialists Keity Buchana and Lifa Hotverberg as they discuss The different represents to the COVID-19 pandents by the governments of New Zealand and Sweden. The decusions will indicate the COVID-19 pandents by the governments of New Zealand and Sweden The decusions will indicate the COVID-19 pandents by the governments of New Zealand and Sweden The decusions will indicate the COVID-19 pandents by the governments of New Zealand and Sweden The decusions will include the COVID-19 pandents by the governments of New Zealand and Sweden The different representations and Sweden The different representations and Sweden The different representations are considered to the covidpart of the different representation of the COVID-19 pandents by the government of



#### Upcoming Webinars

Review of Recently Published Law Library Research Reports November 19, 2020



#### 2020 SCHEDULE

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### **Onsite Classes Page**



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Library buildings are currently closed to the public until further notice. Please register for our online webinars in US Law and Foreign Law, watch our webinar recordings, and look at our online learning opportunities until such time as we can post future dates of onsite classes.

Legal Research Classes in Washington, D.C.

The Law Library of Congress currently offers two types of in-person classes: Orientation to Legal Research Series and Orientation to Law Library Collections.

The Orientation to Legal Research Series of classes are designed to give a basic introduction to legal sources and research techniques. These orientations, taught by legal reference librarians, are typically offered once a month on a rotating basis, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. There are three classes in this series, including:

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The Orientation to Law Library Collections is designed for patrons who are familiar with legal research, and would instead prefer an introduction to the collections and services specific to the Law Library of Congress. These one-hour orientations are taught once a month by legal reference librarians from the Law Library of Congress.

The Orientation to Law Library Collections class is also offered on two Saturdays a year. To find more information about these classes and to sign up, please visit the Saturday Classes for Researchers page.

Prior to attending any in-person class, patrons will need to obtain a Library of Congress Registration Card.

- Also set up similarly to the U.S. Law Webinars page, but includes information about how to get a Library of Congress Reader Registration Card
- Information about onsite classes will be updated here, once Library buildings are re-opened to the public

## **Online Learning Page**

- After attending one of our classes, augment your learning with our online legal research resources, including:
  - Legal Research Guides: Law Library - <a href="https://guides.loc.gov/law-library">https://guides.loc.gov/law-library</a>
  - Digitized Legal Collections -<u>https://www.loc.gov/law/help/digitized-books/digital.php</u>
  - Comprehensive Index of Legal Reports -<a href="https://www.loc.gov/law/help/legal-reports.php">https://www.loc.gov/law/help/legal-reports.php</a>
  - And more!



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#### Legal Research

The Law Library provides constant updates to its online content to provide information on legal research and legal news. Below is a list of places to start legal research.

Guides for Legal Research:

- · Guide to Law Online
- Legal Research Guide | Law: Beginner's Guides
- In Custodia Legis Research Guides

Resources for Legal Research:

- <u>Digitized Legal Collections</u>
- . Legal Research Reports | Current Legal Topics

Guides to Onsite Collections | Visiting the Law Library



### **Archived Webinars Page**



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#### Archived Webinars

- United States Law and Legal Research
- Foreign, Comparative, and International Law
- Spanish Legal Documents
   Transcription

United States Law and Legal Research Webinars



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   clicking the "Webinar
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   top of each of any Legal
   Research Institute page
- We are adding recordings as we process them and add closed captioning



# Law Library of Congress Foreign Legal Gazettes



## **Foreign Legal Gazettes**





## Foreign Legal Gazettes database GOALS

- Consolidate all gazette related work into a single database
- Enable real time view of most recent updates
- View statistics on process workflows, individual jurisdictions, and overall collection
- Search and update feature ensuring a single entry for each record identified by a unique LCCN
- Display snapshots of the gazette collection through graphics for reporting ease
- Create a public interface of the Law Library's gazette collection for staff and researchers worldwide



## **Migration**

- Individual Excel spreadsheets dispersed across units tracking gazette work
  - Inventory
  - Available formats
  - Digitization
  - Missing titles
  - Copyright
- Strong Search Function

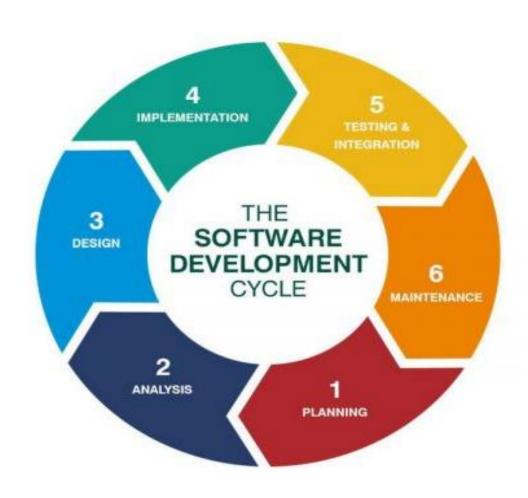


## Staff modes & public interface

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- Statistics Tableau (STAFF ONLY)
- Public Interface ArcGIS

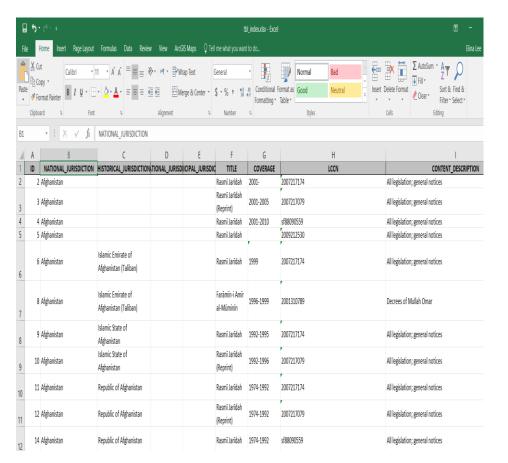


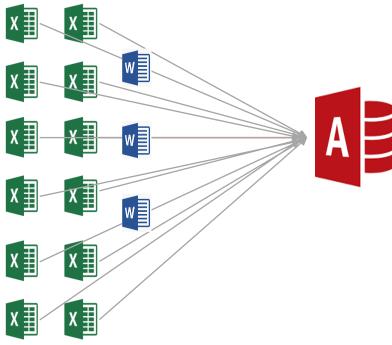
## Software development cycle





#### **Consolidation process**





- Clean data
- Imported all data into the database. (SQL server)



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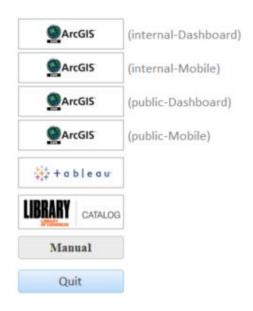
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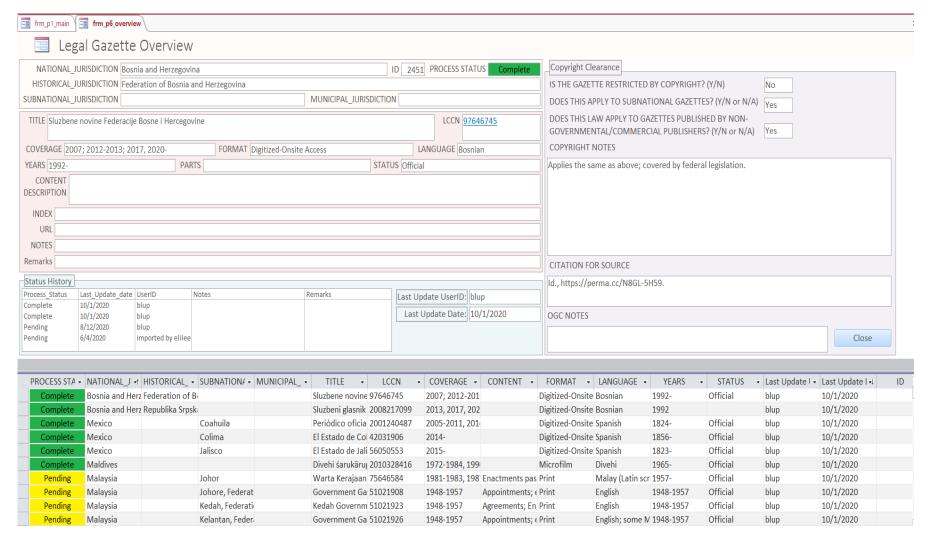


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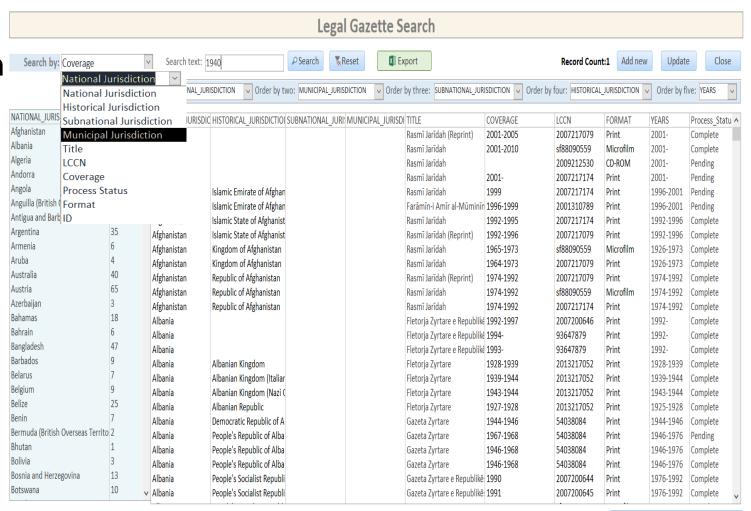
## Legal Gazettes Data Overview Page





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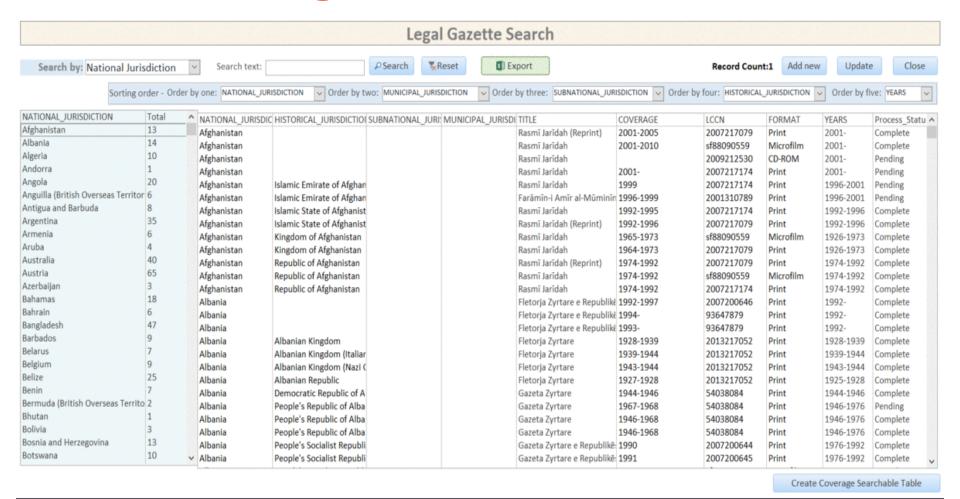
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- View:
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  - format
  - Process status





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## Legal Gazettes Search



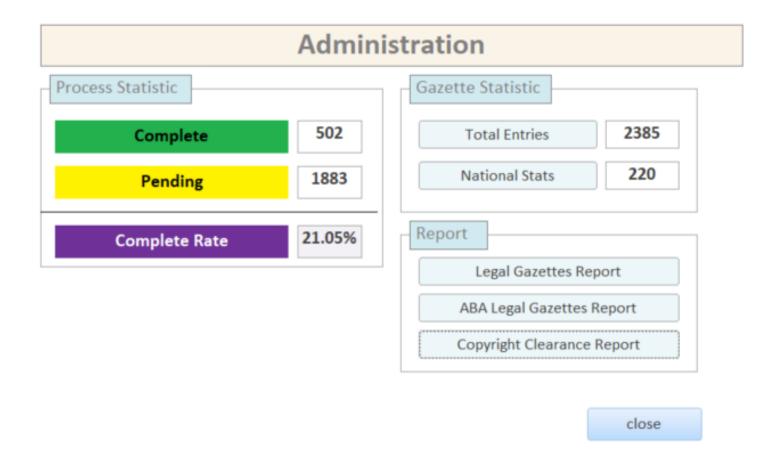


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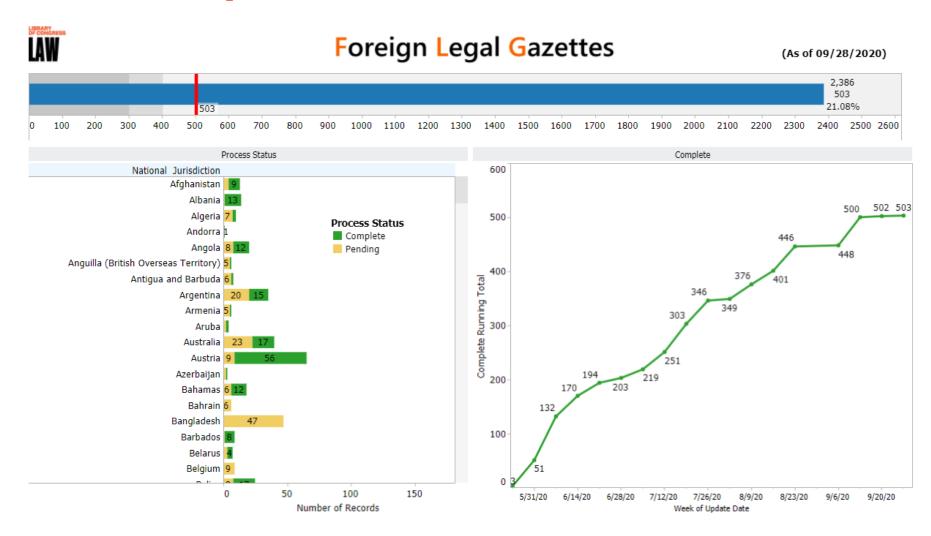
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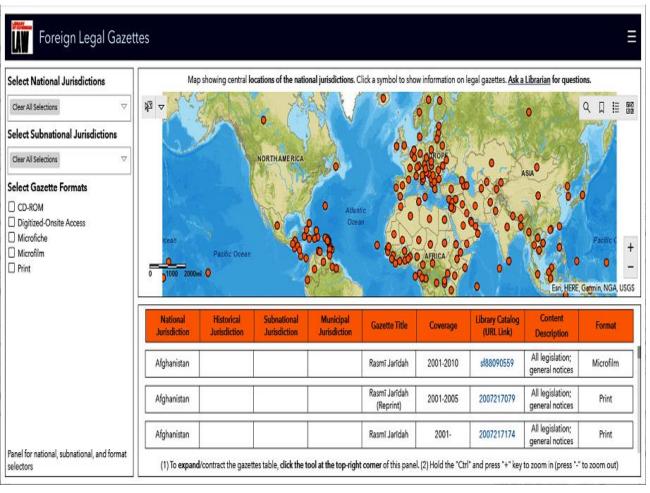
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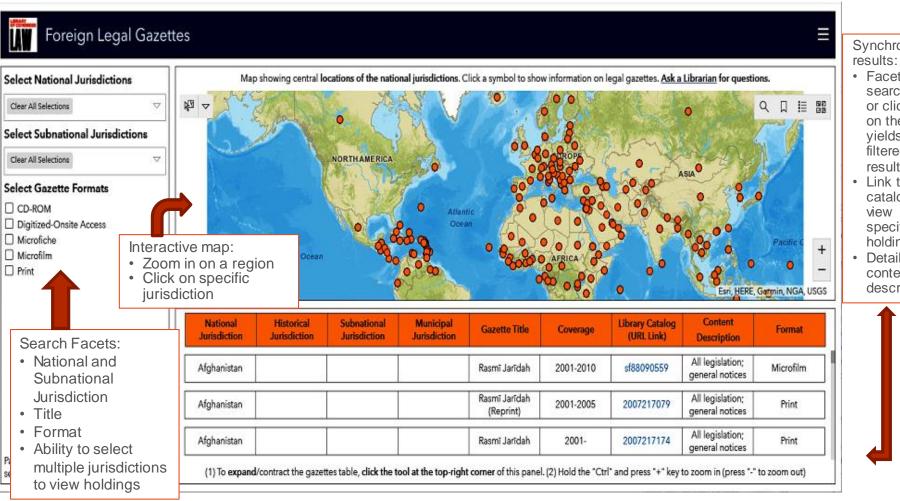


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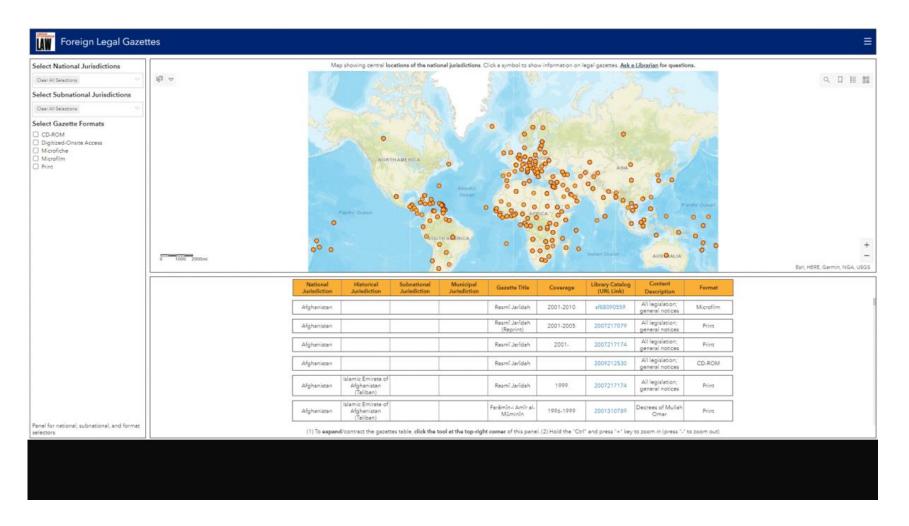




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#### **Internal interface - ARCGIS**





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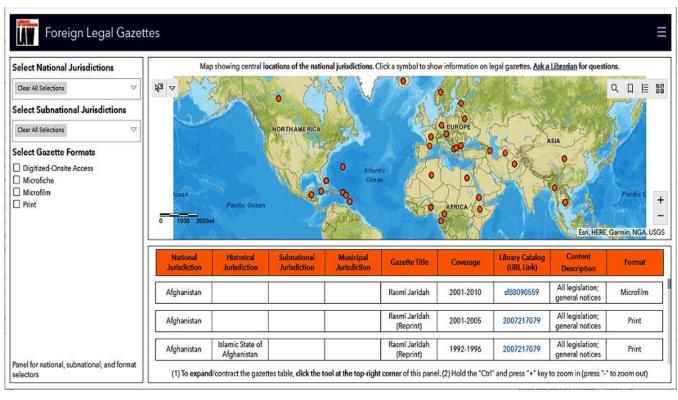
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#### **PUBLIC interface - ARCGIS**





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#### **CATALOG – DETAILED HOLDINGS**

#### PERIODICAL OR NEWSPAPER

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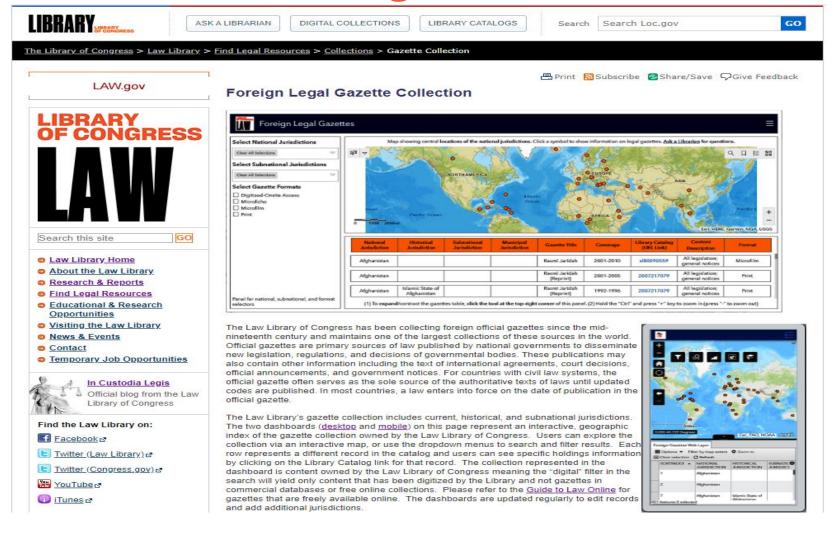


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#### Law.gov Gazettes collection:

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#### **ArcGIS** applications:

1) Public-Dashboard:

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- Current Research on FCIL Topics
  - "Current Legal Topics" and "Comprehensive Index of Legal Reports" on law.gov
- 2004 Present
   Reports published monthly on law.gov
- Collaboration with GPO

   Full bibliographic records created by GPO. Reports also discoverable in CGP.





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- Religion and the Law
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- War Crimes, Terrorism, and National Security

### Aeronautics and Space

### Airport Noise Regulations

This multinational report on airport noise regulations surveys the laws of the European Union; six of its Member States (France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden); and the United Kingdom. Noise thresholds typically vary between the surveyed jurisdictions as well as between individual airports, taking into account both geographic and commercial interests. All jurisdictions surveyed require that noise from airports be taken into account when planning and zoning new residential areas and airports. Other methods for limiting noise levels include the imposition of taxes or fines on airlines or airports that violate established noise thresholds. (Feb. 2020)



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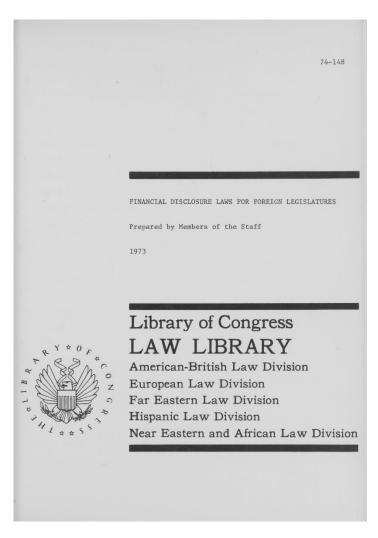
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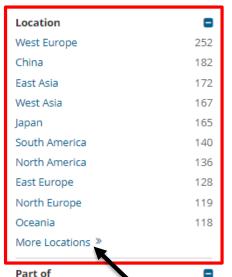
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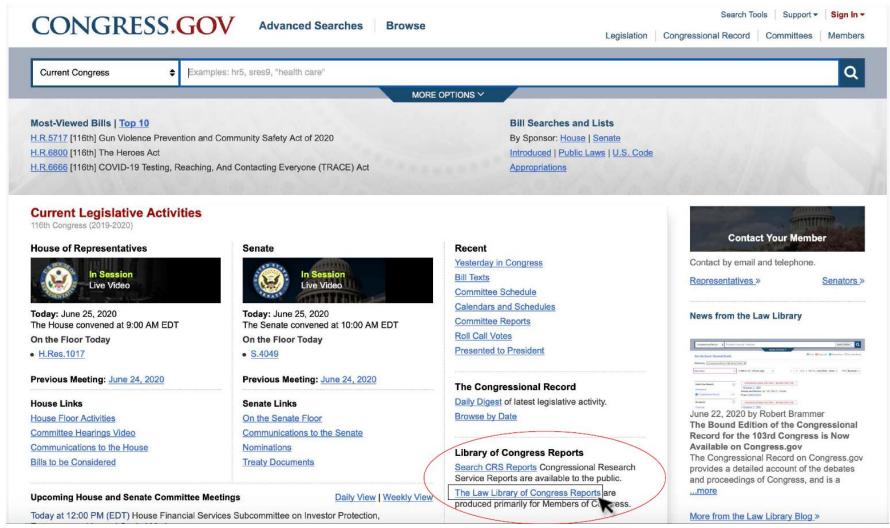
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